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The Senate Intelligence Committee approved a bill to require the government to obtain a judicial warrant for wiretaps or other electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence gathering within the United States. The measure, previously approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, was amended on a number of respects to strengthen constitutional safeguards. Chairman Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) of the Intelligence Committee said the establishment of a criminal standard for surveillance of American citizens or resident aliens "was the most difficult and the most important issue to be worked out."

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